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## SIX KILOS OF COCAINE SEIZED TWO BREVARD COUNTY MEN ARRESTED

United States Attorney Paul I. Perez announced the arrest of two individuals charged in a criminal complaint with possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

Today, Antonio "Tony" Desha Lovett, age 33, was arrested after a search warrant was executed at his residence located at 2395 Woodwind Trail, Melbourne, FL. During the execution of the search warrant, approximately six kilograms of cocaine were seized along with a cocaine press which is a device used to compress powder cocaine into brick shaped packages for the distribution of cocaine.

In a related case, yesterday, a search warrant was served on the residence of Joe Daniels, Jr., age 33, at 2901 Albemarle Street, Melbourne, FL. Daniels was arrested after 62 grams of cocaine were found in the residence. Daniels also had approximately \$8,300 in his pants pocket when he was arrested.

This afternoon both individuals made their initial appearance in federal court in Orlando, Fl. Bond has not been set in either case. Each defendant faces a maximum of life in prison if convicted.

This joint investigation was conducted by the Melboume Police Department, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bruce Hinshelwood.

A complaint is merely an accusation that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.